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years, it might reach him. But what I say is that people in all the villages should get the benefit. It is no use selecting a few villages and improving the conditions there. Of course, the Government will plead lack of finance. I know they cannot extend the benefit of the National Extension Schemes to all the villages. But my suggestion is simple. The Government may set apart Rs. 3 crores or even Rs. 6 crores in their Budget for the improvement of the villages and may ask the villagers to give their own suggestions. Suppose there is a village which has no road at all. The people of that village will ask for a good road. In such a case, the Government may ask their revenue officials or Public Works officials to carry out the work. In a village where there is a road but there is no well, a well may be constructed. In a village where there is a road and a well, a school can be opened. That kind of thing will raise the prestige of the Government. At the present moment, the villagers have lost hopes even in the Members of the Opposition. I had an occasion to meet them in a gathering last evening. I addressed a public meeting in a village. The villagers say, 'Next time we are not going to send any Member to the Legislature, whether he is a Congressman or a non-Congressman'. They have lost all hopes in the Government as well as in the Opposition because they think that nothing has been done either by the Government or by us. So, I have suggested a method by which the aid given by the Government can reach the villagers. I leave it for the consideration of the Government.

"Then, Sir, my impression about our Government is that our administration is top-heavy. We have plenty of staff so much so that a work which can be done efficiently by one clerk is now being done by four or five clerks. Our Chief Minister might know that there was a system known as 'Rice Disposal System.' Rice was an official who invented an efficient method of filing letters and redressing the grievances of the public. That was a system by which all the correspondence relating to a particular subject was kept in one file. Now, if one asks an official in the Secretariat by bringing a certain reference, what happens? He is not able to trace the particular correspondence and bring it immediately. The correspondence is spread over in different offices and in different files. One Mr. Tottenham invented the existing system which has become rotten now. This is the system that has placed the Government in such an awkward position. The result is that even a Minister cannot get immediately a relevant paper on any subject in the Secretariat. The system has only duplicated the work. Nothing tangible is done for the benefit of the people.

"I was saying that the Government had paid heed to the words of the Opposition. One such thing is this. The Government are exempting meat, fish, eggs, etc., from sales tax. In this connection, I may request them to consider the question of exempting flowers also from sales tax. Flower is a commodity which